

Hi everyone, just getting set up.

JIM ACKER:

Steve Kempler has just arrived and is getting set up, and will make some introductory remarks.  
Back in three minutes to get started.

Hi, Steve Kempler is joining. Note that this is just a chat and presentation meeting -  
there is no sound or video. Maybe next year!

I'll get started with this presentation and then Steve can say a few words.

As we noted, this workshop is dedicated to our colleague Greg Leptoukh.  
My next slides have some information about him.

I'll add that Greg was working in the Research Triangle area of North Carolina before coming to the  
DAAC.

We will learn more about Greg's recent activities in the presentations by Maksym Petrenko  
and Charles Ichoku, and others.

Greg was also working with GEOSS, I believe.

Look for the Leptoukh Lecture in the AGU Fall Meeting schedule.

The Giovanni News online document has more about Greg as well.

I'll also note that searching "Gregory Leptoukh" in Google images led  
to his own PicasaWeb folder.

I'll let Steve Kempler make some remarks now. Steve? ...

STEVE KEMPLER:

Hi,

Thank you Jim. I just wanted to write a quick note, thanking you for your interest, not only in utilizing Giovanni, but also contributing to the advancement of Giovanni for the sake of making it a better Earth science data analysis tool for yourself and your colleagues.

Giovanni was initiated several years ago as a small project responsive to getting data into the hands of science data users. It's widespread success is a direct result of the tireless efforts of Greg Leptoukh who would be seen, laptop in hand, ready to discuss with you, at science meetings, informatics workshops, and... lunch, how Giovanni can easily remove months of data manipulation effort for true science research.

Greg's legacy is still with us: 'Bridging Data with Science'.

There are many to thank for making Giovanni what it is.

Several NASA funded Projects have had components of Giovanni in them, each further contributing to Giovanni's increasing capabilities;

The Giovanni staff who continue to work off a long list of new user requested capabilities;

Chris Lynnes and his staff for picking up the Giovanni work and developing the next version of Giovanni, which you will soon hear about;

Jim Acker for pulling this very innovative truly global workshop together;

Workshop speakers who have taken the time to share their experiences;

And everyone else...who has used and provided feedback so we can make Giovanni a responsive valuable product for science.

If we keep hearing from you, that means Giovanni is still useful.

Have a great workshop, and I'll 'see' you on the ether.

JIM ACKER:

Thanks, Steve - would anyone else like to say anything (remember that we will have this chat session recorded so others will be able to read it later)